

### REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing Amendment and passage to allowance are respectfully requested.

### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

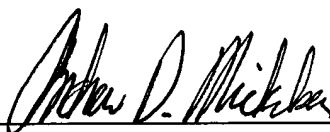
- (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,733,064
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 4,933,549
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,084,616
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,323,207
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,357,106
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 5,774,248
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 5,786,594
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 6,317,244
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 6,362,470
- (10) Japan 61-53616
- (11) Japan 62-240920
- (12) Japan 8-190071
- (13) Japan 8-227047
- (14) Japan 9-54263

These documents were cited in one or more of the parent applications, namely Application Nos. 09/658,664 and 10/251,794, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given therein. The Examiner is respectfully directed to the Patent and Trademark Office files for review of these documents. See MPEP § 609. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the attached form PTO-1449.

CONCLUSION

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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